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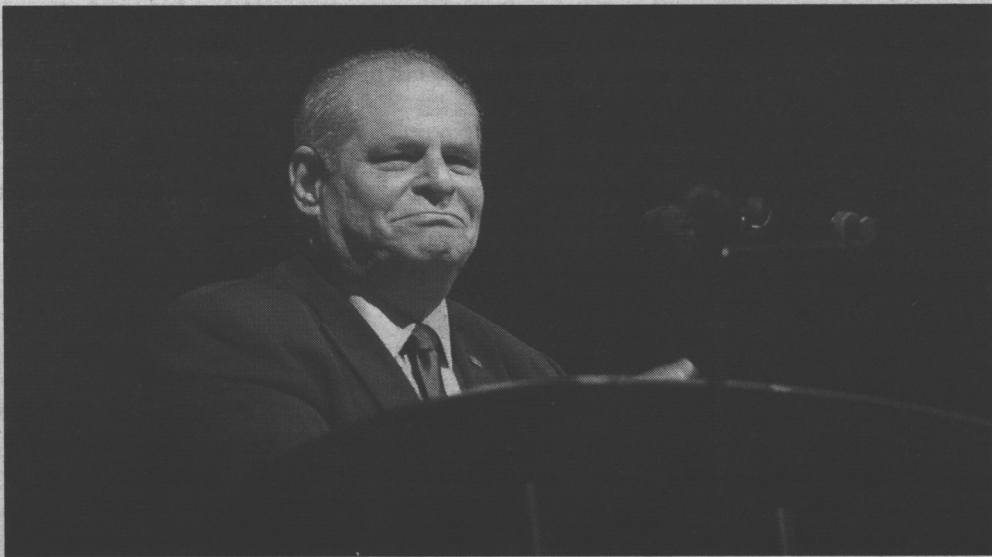
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**Flaherty:** There are many cool places on campus.

If I had to pick one, I would probably say the Mellin steps. I love the good energy in this space.

I enjoy seeing students hanging out, and it's also the place where RSOs and offices do tabling to help members of the commu-

nity learn more about their mission and services.

**Davenport:** Taylor Hall – This is where I have an office to stay in touch with all students.

As an administrator, we sometimes get so busy with day-to-day meetings, we no longer have the opportunity to interact, meet students, hear about concerns and, of course, talk about everything they love about EIU!

*What is a place in Charleston everyone should know?*

**Glassman:** The hiking trails at Charleston Lake.

They're awesome!

**Gatrell:** I suspect most people will say Lake Charleston and the trails—and that's great and I love it; but I also really enjoy visiting, hiking, and running Fox Ridge and the Lincoln Log Cabin site.

**Flaherty:** Lake Charleston is a real gem! The trails are beautiful for walks and biking.

**Davenport:** Cultural Center – this small house on campus has a lot of history. Although I think we have outgrown it, as we think about an Institutional Plan of Action – I would love to build a state of the art center which we can use for our different cultural groups and activities.

This center could display cultural art and artifacts.

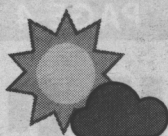
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## Alums offer advice for current students

By Kyara Morales-Rodriguez  
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As a freshman in college, one is starting a new era of their life, one that involves living in a new place with new people to meet and new classes to take.

This era can be exciting, bringing experiences and opportunities one will remember long after graduation.

This era can also be terrifying, with the newness of it all being overwhelming and making it harder to transition into college life.

That is how it was for Gladys Valentin, an Eastern alum who graduated in December 2016 with a degree in foreign languages and a minor in Latin American studies.

During her time at Eastern, she took full advantage of the university's many opportunities and resources. She said that her passion for language and culture led her to study abroad in Spain during her sophomore year at Eastern.

Valentin joined many organizations such as Latin American Student Organization, Study Abroad Society, Amigos and Friends and Spanish Club. She was even one of the founders of Alpha Psi Lambda, Eastern's co-ed Latinx fraternity.

Though Valentin has quite a lot of experiences under her belt, she was not always that involved, struggling to get involved during her freshman year at Eastern. Going from a community where she knew everybody because they all attended the same schools to a community where she didn't know anybody made it harder for her to make friends.

"It was a lot of culture shock," Valentin said. "I only went to class, saw meetings from LASO and then went back to my dorm and just watched TV or caught up with work. It was just a routine that I adapted."

It took Valentin a little longer to make friends and break out of her comfort zone, but once she did, she found it very rewarding.

"[LASO and Alpha Psi Lambda] taught me to be more involved, less afraid of trying new things, and more adventurous," Valentin said. "The memories and the people I met through LASO and Alpha Psi Lambda have definitely been life-changing."

Her advice to current Eastern students: Try new things. Be adventurous. Learn about anything and everything.

"You just never know when opportunities will come," Valentin said. "For example, I had no background in Special [Education], and then just because of how I interact with students and how I work with students, I have this opportunity."

Like Valentin, Eastern alum Diana Cardenas was also involved with different student organizations during her time at the university.



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Gladys Valentin, a senior elementary education major and the President of LASO, reads a book with Aubrey Malak, a three year old Charleston resident, during Latino Heritage Story Time in Booth Library.

At Eastern she was part of three organizations: Sigma Sigma Sigma, LASO and the Homecoming Committee.

"I was committed to Sigma Sigma Sigma because I wanted to network with other students while holding positions within Sigma that will improve my leadership skills," Cardenas said. "I became a member of LASO as soon as I transferred to EIU because I wanted to be surrounded by students that had similar cultural backgrounds as me, and it was also a chance for me to meet friends because I did not know many individuals upon my transfer! Being involved with the homecoming committee was great because I was the Marketing Chair, which intertwined with my major."

For Cardenas, Eastern's "small yet lively" campus did "an amazing job at providing the full college experience."

"There are so many different communities at EIU it is almost impossible to not get involved and meet great people in the process," Cardenas said. "One of my favorite memories at EIU was going Greek and finding my best friends in my sorority!"

Remembering her experiences at Eastern, she said her biggest advice to current students is to get involved as much

as possible.

"The more you get involved the more people you'll meet, and the more memories you'll have," Cardenas said. "Enjoy every second of college because it does go by fast!"

Eastern alum Francisco Castellanos had a similar college experience, getting involved with organizations such as LASO and being one of the founding members of Alpha Psi Lambda.

Castellanos graduated from Eastern in December 2019 with a degree in accounting and currently works for an insurance company in downtown Chicago.

"I've always been a numbers person and found myself needing to use math/numbers in my everyday life," Castellanos said. "However, it did take me a while to get here. I actually changed my major twice before finally committing to accounting."

One of the first student organizations he got involved with was LASO, which he joined because he saw people who represented him and made him feel at home.

"My freshman year, I received the LASO Scholarship for leadership for being one of the most involved members in the RSO," Castellanos said. "After that, I went on to co-found Alpha Psi Lamb-

da National Inc. with 11 other brothers and sisters. This co-ed Latin interest fraternity was founded because we felt that there was a lack of diversity in Greek life at EIU and wanted something unique to contribute to EIU Greek life."

During his time at Eastern, he most enjoyed spending time with the friends he made. He said that he enjoyed seeing his friends every day, making memories that last a lifetime.

Attending Eastern and being part of the organizations he was involved with helped Castellanos become "comfortable with being uncomfortable," and he passes that advice on to current students.

"I am not the same 18-year-old freshman who was scared to take on leadership positions," Castellanos said. "If I didn't step outside of my comfort zone like I did in my undergrad, I don't think my experience would've been worth it. Things like being an RA, founding the only Latin-Interest fraternity on campus, and holding numerous leadership positions have really shaped me into the person I am today."

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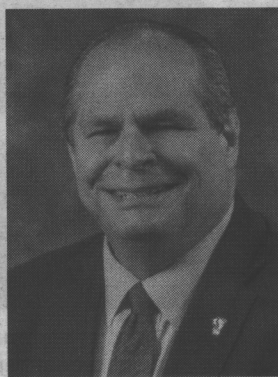
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## Why did you go into higher education?

**Glassman:** To share with students the wonders of the human condition as seen through the lens of anthropology and to be able to conduct original research on the biology of humans in the past.

**Gatrell:** I'm a first generation college graduate and intended to go to law school. I ended up changing direction in my senior year. My undergraduate experience opened up new and exciting opportunities that I wasn't aware existed. Going to graduate school in 1994 was just the first step in that process and it wouldn't have been possible without outstanding and supportive faculty mentors.

**Flaherty:** I was a Resident Assistant at the University of Iowa. I enjoyed being a leader in my residence hall and helping my fellow students adjust to college life and finding community. I believe in



Glassman

the power of higher education to transform lives.

**Davenport:** I wanted to help empower students because not everyone knows how to navigate higher education. Some students are privileged and have parents/guardians or family to let them know what should be done, and there are some that are truly the first in their families.

What are the most rewarding aspects of your current position?



Gatrell

**Glassman:** Working with fantastic faculty and staff and seeing our students succeed in reaching their goals of graduating.

**Gatrell:** Commencement—particularly seeing a student who I know has struggled and overcome challenges walk across the stage. Of course, it's great to see every student walk and hear the reaction of the families. So commencement is just cool and when I know a student's personal story it's that much more mean-



Flaherty

ingful for me when they graduate.

**Flaherty:** Helping remove barriers for students so they can achieve their goals and having the opportunity to engage with students!

**Davenport:** Graduation! I try my best to make every graduation to see the students that walk across the stage.

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

Take the  
COVID-19  
case spike  
seriously

As Coles County COVID-19 cases see a spike, it is important to remember the pandemic is not over yet.

Life is definitely moving towards normalcy but that does not mean that we should be letting our guard down.

That means get vaccinated.

Wear your mask when you're in a necessary situation.

Wash your hands.

This pandemic will not end so long as people continue to be self-centered and not care about those around them and do what you can to protect others.

Two more people in Coles County just lost their lives as case numbers continue to rise but vaccine rates remain low.

That leaves us to wonder when this pandemic is going to stop being political to some and start being logical.

The World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control are not out to get out. The Coles County Health department surely is not a part of some government project to put a tracker in your arm or kill you.

And when you start thinking logically and rationally and put down the conspiracy theories running wild on your Facebook timeline, it is a lot easier to see the bigger picture.

Lets put an end to this pandemic so we can go back to "pre-COVID" times and start fully enjoying life again.

## Quote of the Day:

**"Any participation, even in the smallest public function, is useful."**

Tom Glazer

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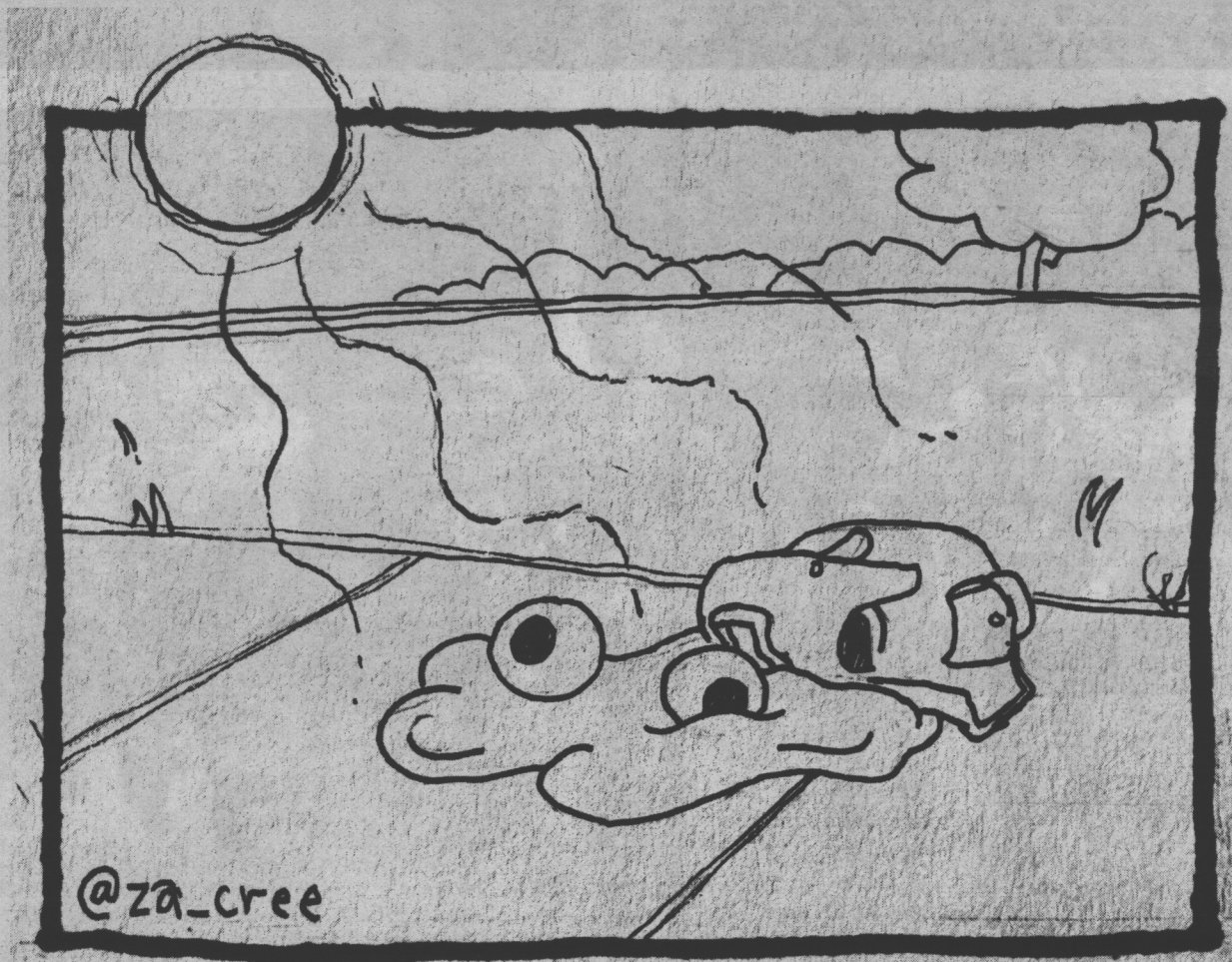
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BY ZACH BERGER

## Introducing me: Madelyn Kidd

With the beginning of a new school year, it's time to introduce the new school year's staff.

I'm Madelyn, this year's Managing Editor.

I'm a transfer student from Lake Land College where I majored in Liberal Arts and was a part of Lake Land's student newspaper *The Navigator*.

For my first year at *The Navigator*, I was the Copy Editor, and for my second year, I was the Editor-in-Chief.

When I first started at Lake Land, I had no idea what I wanted to do, but then I joined *The Navigator* and fell in love with journalism.

I am currently majoring in Journalism and minoring in Pre-Law Studies.

I'm super excited about being a part of the *Daily Eastern News* for the next two years.

Outside of the News, I'm active in theatre both on stage and backstage.

I've acted in 12 stage productions and have also been the stage manager for two plays and plan to continue stage managing and acting in community theatre.

The stage productions I was in include "Anything Goes," "A Christmas Story," "Clue:



Madelyn Kidd

On Stage," "Cinderella" and more.

I'm also used to the stage from competing in local town and county pageants.

I was the 2016 Jr. Miss Neoga, 2018 Miss Greenup Fall Festival and just last week became the 2021 Miss Cumberland County Fair queen.

As Miss Cumberland County, I was at every fair week event, which included a rodeo, tractor pulls, flat drags, livestock shows and the Cumberland County demolition derby.

At the rodeo, they had a clown who I assisted with a skit where I got to pretend I was

Dolly Parton, in the flat drags I got to ride passenger in one of the races and at the demolition derby I got covered in mud from climbing on top of a demolition car to get some cool photos.

When I'm not in the newsroom, which is never, I enjoy painting, listening to Taylor Swift and cuddling with the "petting zoo" that resides in my house.

The reason I refer to my family's pets as a "petting zoo," is because there are a total of 14 pets inside my house.

At home we have four parakeets, two finches, two guinea pigs, two mice, two cats, a dog and the most important pet, my rabbit Casey. Casey is the only one of the 14 pets that is solely mine, and she just turned nine-years-old this month.

I'm looking forward to this year at Eastern and as a part of the News and plan to get the most out of this experience.

*Madelyn Kidd is a junior journalism major. She can be reached at 581-2812 or mekidd@eiu.edu*

## Do not be afraid to drop classes

The last day to withdraw from a full semester course with no penalty is approaching on Sept. 3 and it is important to make sure you are not stuck in a class that you will feel like you are doomed to fail in.

That is two full weeks of classes to determine if it is a right fit or not so trust your gut within these first days of classes.

Look ahead in your coursework to see whether or not you will be able to balance it on top of your schedule.

Another word of advice is do not be too hard on yourself. Sometimes it is all right to risk it a little bit if you're unsure whether a class will be too difficult if you have access to the right study resources.

There's always going to those struggle classes.

Consider taking another course before that one. I know I feel way better about psychology statistics now that I have taken elementary statistics. That's the importance of having a good advisor.

I didn't even know about elementary statistics until my advisor had told me, be-



Helena Edwards

cause she knew I would have to take psychology statistics later on and recommended that as my math prerequisite instead of the other option.

I cannot stress the importance of talking to your advisor. It is important to utilize the resources given to you, and not at the last minute.

Another thing is to switch advisors if you feel like yours isn't being helpful if you are able to.

Advisors are meant to be helpful to students and if they are not doing their job cut

them off.

Also, ask around for people who have been in the class, but factor in their work ethic. How credible are they? Was the class hard or did they just not work hard enough? I love the website Rate My Professor to look at the different ratings before I even sign up for classes to determine workload. Unexpected changes do pop up and sometimes I have to do a quick search for a professor change to ease my worries.

It's not the end of the world to take a class in later semesters. It's also not the end of the world to admit when a class is too much of a course load for you right now on top of other responsibilities. It is difficult as adults to juggle both work and classes, as well as various other things we may be in such as clubs and manage time with our friends. Sometimes we just need to quit while we're ahead.

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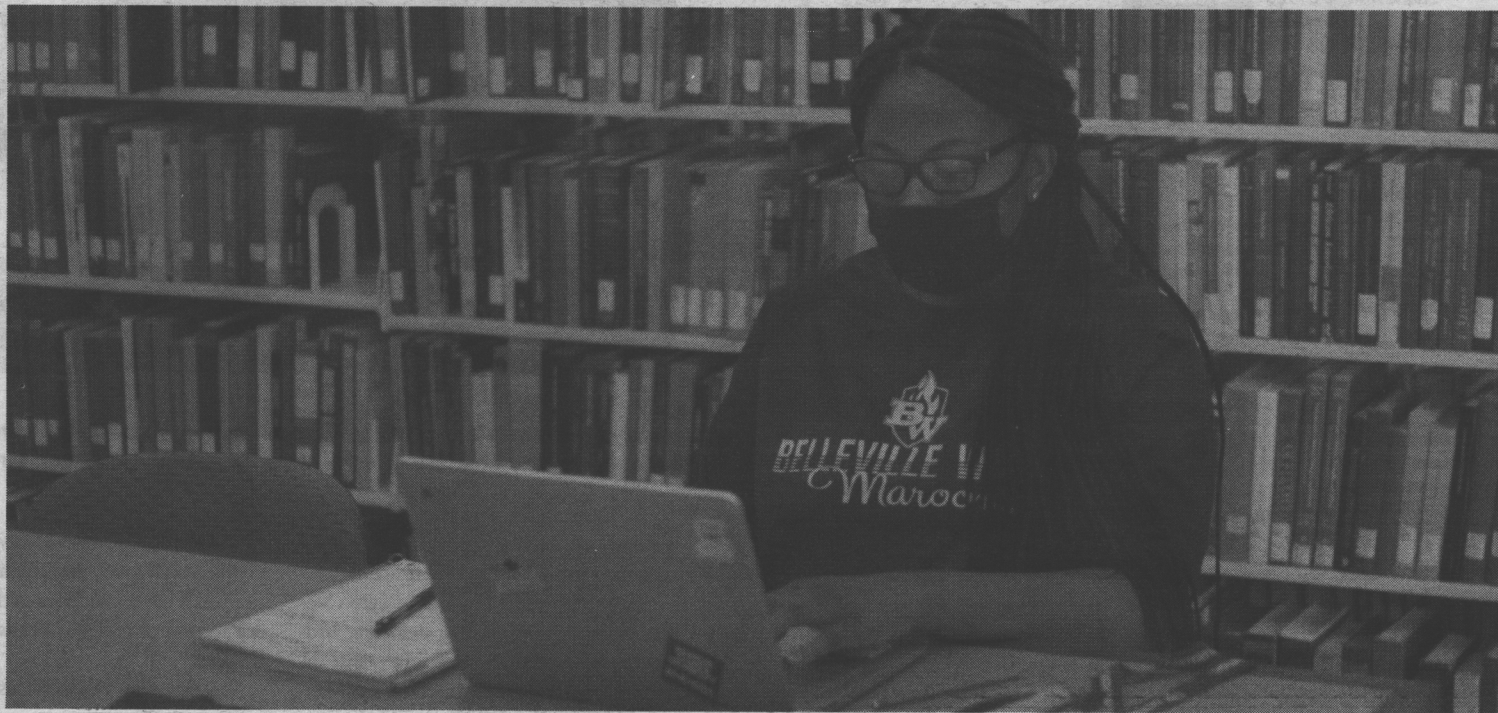
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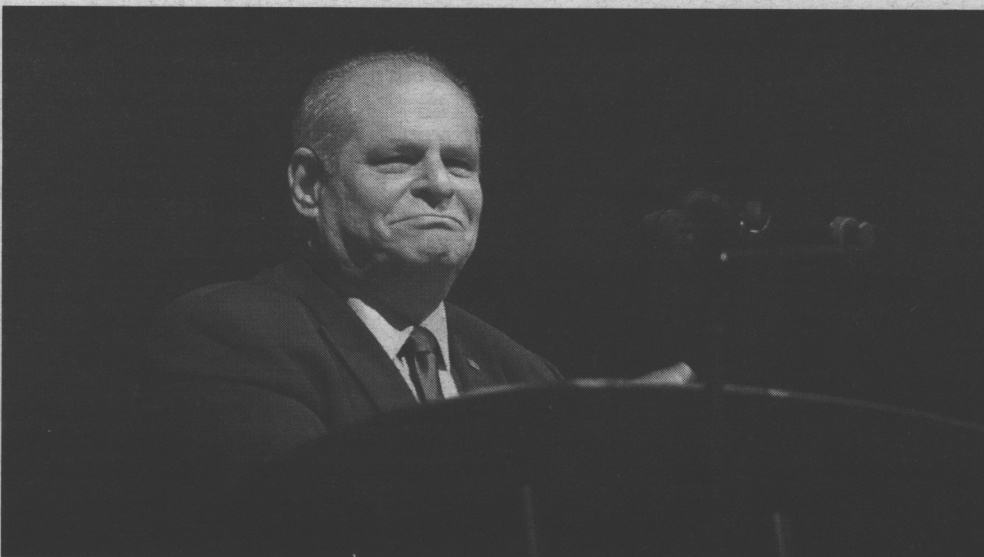
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**Flaherty:** There are many cool places on campus.

If I had to pick one, I would probably say the Mellin steps. I love the good energy in this space.

I enjoy seeing students hanging out, and it's also the place where RSOs and offices do tabling to help members of the commu-

nity learn more about their mission and services.

**Davenport:** Taylor Hall – This is where I have an office to stay in touch with all students.

As an administrator, we sometimes get so busy with day-to-day meetings, we no longer have the opportunity to interact, meet students, hear about concerns and, of course, talk about everything they love about EIU!

*What is a place in Charleston everyone should know?*

**Glassman:** The hiking trails at Charleston Lake.

They're awesome!

**Gatrell:** I suspect most people will say Lake Charleston and the trails—and that's great and I love it; but I also really enjoy visiting, hiking, and running Fox Ridge and the Lincoln Log Cabin site.

**Flaherty:** Lake Charleston is a real gem! The trails are beautiful for walks and biking.

**Davenport:** Cultural Center – this small house on campus has a lot of history. Although I think we have outgrown it, as we think about an Institutional Plan of Action – I would love to build a state of the art center which we can use for our different cultural groups and activities.

This center could display cultural art and artifacts.

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